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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In claim 6, line 2, delete "elongated" and substitute therefor --elongated--.

In claim 6, line 3, delete "any one of the preceding Claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

A' --9. A fabricated structural component, having six substantially planar faces corresponding to the sides of an elongated rectangular prism, comprising two single components, each according to claim 2, united as a dual component by a plurality of discrete, spaced apart spacer means, such that the corresponding edge faces of the two single components are spaced apart and co-planar, and wherein the spacer means are such that the distance between the centre lines of the rows of holes in each pair of corresponding edge faces is a whole number multiple of said pitch distance.

10. A fabricated structural component, having six substantially planar faces corresponding to the sides of an elongated rectangular prism, comprising two single components, each according to claim 3, united as a dual component by a plurality of discrete, spaced apart spacer means, such that the corresponding edge faces of the two single components are spaced apart and co-planar, and wherein the spacer means are such that the distance between the centre lines of the rows of holes in each pair of corresponding edge faces is a whole number multiple of said pitch distance.

11. A fabricated structural component, having six substantially planar faces corresponding to the sides of an elongated rectangular prism, comprising two single components,